Principal's Report

Principal Position
The process to determine who is to be the next Principal of Derrinallum P-12 College has now been completed and we have been given approval to make the following announcements. The selection panel was not able to recommend a suitable applicant for this position. The Principal position will now be re-advertised towards the end of October and we expect that a newly appointed Principal will be in place for Term 1, 2016. In the meantime, I will continue to be in the position of Acting Principal for the remainder of 2015. I look forward to your continued support for myself, the staff and the students of Derrinallum P-12 College.

Music Concert
Congratulations to everyone involved with the terrific Music Concert last night which was held in front of a packed audience. The Derrinallum and Lismore Instrumental students were fantastic, especially given that some of the students had only been learning their instruments for a short period of time. All of the Primary classes and the singers also did a great job, performing like they had been doing this sort of thing for ages. Special thanks and a job well done to Trevor Ellington, Melanie Pocknall, Fiona Noone and the band of helpers who made the night one of the year’s highlights.

College Fitness Centre
Well, the rubber matting has finally arrived at the school. Thanks to Gary and John for organising its delivery to the school on Wednesday. Once they were washed, a small band of helpers laid about 60 of the mats along one side of the Fitness Centre. Staff and students will be busy putting the rest, about 100 more, in place before the fitness equipment will be moved in. Plans are underway as to who will be able to use it and how often it will be open. Particular staff will be in charge of opening it on certain days of the week. Further details will be available shortly.

Athletic Sports
Today we had 8 Primary students participating in the Eureka division Athletic sports in Ballarat. This is a tremendous effort to reach this level of competition in any school sports event. No doubt we will hear more news about the day when the students return.

Next Week in Our School
Year 9 students continue with their BRICKS (Building Resilience in Corangamite Kids) program on Wednesday during Periods 1-4. Some students in Yrs 7-9 will be participating in the Summer Round Robin, which will be held at our school on Thursday. Our students will be playing Basketball. On Friday, the last day of term, the SRC is holding a Footy Colours Day with a Hot Dog lunch.

Ken Smith - Principal

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Woolworths Earn & Learn

As you know, our school has been participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. The program has now finished for this year, so a big thanks to everyone who supported our school. We’re now at the important stage of the program where the Sticker Sheets are collected and lodged as our Earn & Learn claim. We will then be able to get new educational equipment for our school. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. So this week, please send in your Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheets and any loose Earn & Learn stickers you may have. Remember to check your handbag, the car glove box or they maybe stuck on the fridge. Every little bit helps. Thanks again for all your support!
Derrinallum P-12 College Community Newsletter. September 11th 2015.

An Invitation To All Parents/Carers

Mums, Dads or Carers of all students at Derrinallum P-12 College, I thought it might be nice to meet up for a cuppa and a catch-up. If you can, let’s meet at the Front Paddock on Thursday 17th September, 1pm. Please ring me if you have any questions. Narelle Uren (School Council President) 0400531721.

Mr Smith’s Maths Problem!

There was no correct answer given to last week’s problem. Last week’s question was: If my dad gives me 1 cent on the first day, 2 cents on the second day, 4 cents on the third day, 8 cents on the fourth day and so on, how much will I have after 2 full weeks?

ANS: 16383 cents ($163.83).

This week’s question is: What number am I? If I double this number, then add 8 to it, then divide it by 4, then subtract 3, I get an answer of 1.

Year 9/10/11 & VCAL Mock interviews

On Tuesday 6th September, the senior secondary students participated in Mock interviews. Students were required to prepare a cover letter and resume for a mock job position and attend an interview for the position. The students all experienced nerves associated with the interview process prior to the experience, but found the experience to be a positive and valuable learning process. The feedback received from the two interview panels was very positive, and the students represented the school in a very professional manner. Thank-you to all the students who went to the effort of dressing up appropriately for the occasion and participated in the activity in a professional way. A very big thank-you to Andrew, Darren, Henham and Angela for kindly donating their time and experience to conduct the interviews. Without this community support, we would not be able to provide students with such valuable learning opportunities.

Students of the Week

Liam Harper for his fantastic results for his On Demand Testing.

Oliver Jackman for developing his confidence towards extracurricular activities.

Maddison Mulraney for working hard with her addition.

School Banking

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Run through participating schools nationally, children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens which they can redeem for exciting rewards. At Derrinallum P-12 College, students can bank each Tuesday.